

Foreign securities for branches.

12. The Company may invest or deposit such portion of its funds in foreign securities as is necessary for the maintenance of any foreign branch.

Powers as to real estate.

13. The Company may hold such real estate as is bona fide mortgaged to it by way of security or conveyed to it in satisfaction of debts or of judgments recovered ; provided always that all real estate so mortgaged or conveyed in security as aforesaid and acquired by the Company shall be sold and disposed of within seven years from the time of its becoming the absolute property of the Company, otherwise it shall revert to the previous owner or to his heirs or assigns.

Proviso.

Real estate required for Company's use.

14. The Company may also acquire, hold, alienate, convey and mortgage any real estate required in part or wholly for the use and accommodation of the Company, but the annual value thereof in any province of Canada shall not exceed ten thousand dollars, except in the province of Ontario, where it shall not exceed twenty thousand dollars.

Dividends.

15. The directors may from time to time set apart such proportion of the net profits as they shall deem safe and proper, for distribution as dividends or bonuses to shareholders and holders of participating policies, ascertaining the part thereof which has been derived from participating policies, and distinguishing such part from the profits derived from other sources ; and the holders of participating policies shall be entitled to share in that portion of the profits so set apart, which has been so distinguished as having been derived from participating policies to the extent of not less than ninety per cent thereof ; but no dividend or bonus shall at any time be declared or paid out of estimated profits, and the portion of such profits which remains undivided upon the declaration of a dividend, shall never be less than one-fifth of the dividend declared.

Rights of certain policy holders.

16. Whenever any holder of a policy, other than a term or natural premium policy, shall have paid three or more annual premiums thereon, and shall fail to pay any further premium, or shall desire to surrender the policy, the premiums paid shall not be forfeited but he shall be entitled to receive a paid-up commuted policy for such sum as the directors may determine, such sum to be ascertained upon principles to be adopted by by-laws, or the directors may pay a sum as a cash surrender value in lieu of such paid-up commuted policy, provided he shall demand such paid-up commuted policy while the original is in force or within six months after his failure to pay a premium thereon.

Holders of participating policies.

17. The Company may agree to give to holders of participating policies the right to attend and vote in person at all general meetings of the Company ; and if the Company so determines then all persons who are actual holders of policies from the Company, whether such persons are shareholders of the Company or not, and who are by the terms of their policies entitled to participate in profits and are referred to in this Act